



## The Life of Nelson by Robert Southey

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In 1813, the year that he was appointed Poet Laureate, Robert Southey published *The Life of Nelson*. Horatio, Lord Viscount Nelson was Britain's greatest naval hero and had been killed during the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 during which he had issued a famous message to the fleet: "England expects that every man will do his duty." Nelson's example as a seaman was considered so exemplary and Southey's biography so laudable that the American government gave a copy of the book to every officer and seaman in their fleet.

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